

MAY 27, 2014

**CITY OF GUNNISON COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES**

7:00 P.M.

The City Council Regular Session meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M., by Mayor Drexel, with Councilors Riggs, Ferguson, Steinbeck, and Hagan present along with City Attorney Fogo, City Clerk Davidson, Finance Director Collins and Community Development Director Westbay. City Manager Coleman was absent. A Council quorum was present.

**Consideration of Minutes:**

**Regular Session Meeting Minutes of May 13, 2014.** Councilor Steinbeck asked for changes to the minutes. She requested the last sentence in the City Attorney's report be deleted and requested that her attendance at Amber Leal's graduation party be added to her report. Clerk Davidson stated she would make the amendments.

Councilor Riggs moved and Councilor Ferguson seconded the motion to approve the Regular Session Meeting minutes of May 13, 2014, as amended.

Roll call vote, yes: Riggs, Ferguson, Drexel, Steinbeck, Hagan. So carried.

Roll call vote, no: None.

**Pre-Scheduled Citizens:**

**Youth Challenge Grant Recipients Report for After-Prom Event.** Gunnison Police Resource Officer Rob Whiting and Kat Cozzad came forward and addressed Council. Ms. Cozadd stated she was the organizer of the Student Leadership Council-sponsored event. The event provides an alternative to parties after prom, helps kids stay off the roads and away from alcohol. The event runs from 12:30am to 4am and was held at the Gunnison Community Center. The 160 to 170 students that participated had free food, games, access to the climbing wall and swimming pool, and listened to a DJ from Crested Butte. The event was deemed a success. Prizes were donated by local businesses. Ms. Cozadd stated she learned time management, delegation and budgeting skills through the process.

**Youth Challenge Grant Recipients Report for After-Graduation Event.** Officer Whiting informed Council that Marisa Danos was the event coordinator and Youth Grant applicant for the Project Grad After-Graduation event. Ms. Danos is working this evening and is unable to attend the Council meeting. Officer Whiting passed out a budget from the event and explained that Project Grad is a more parent-driven event but the students were involved with the grant application process. The Lokens donate their Blue Mesa Recreation Ranch recreation center for the event. Ms. Cozadd attended the event and informed Council that the graduates were bused to and from the event, had access to the pool and had a campfire. It was the last time most of the graduating class would be together before they all went their separate ways. The students enjoyed casino games and prizes that were donated by local businesses and groups. Over 50 students of the 78 graduates attended the event. As a parent, Officer Whiting thanked Council for the City's participation in the event. He stated that both Marissa and Kat did great jobs with staging these events that are positive alternatives for the students.

Community Development Director Steve Westbay stated that as a parent, these are great programs. Businesses are very supportive of the students for these events. Ms. Cozadd is a good role model for the younger students. All of Council thanked Ms. Cozadd, wished her success while attending University in England, and concurred that both of these events are very good and safe alternatives for the students.

**Unfinished Business:** None.

**New Business:** None.

**Ordinance and Resolutions:**

**Ordinance No. 4, Series 2014; Re: Text Amendment Application ZA-14-1, Amendment to the City of Gunnison Land Development Code, 2nd Reading.** Councilor Ferguson introduced Ordinance No. 4, Series 2014, and it was read by title only by the City Attorney.

Councilor Ferguson moved and Councilor Steinbeck seconded the motion that Ordinance No. 4, Series 2014, **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GUNNISON TO AMEND SECTION 2, ZONING DISTRICTS, TABLE 2-3 PRINCIPAL USE TABLE AND SECTION 4, GENERAL DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS WITHIN THE CITY OF GUNNISON LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE**, be introduced, read, passed, and adopted on second and final reading this 27th day of May, 2014.

Roll call vote, yes: Ferguson, Drexel, Steinbeck, Hagan, Riggs. So carried.  
 Roll call vote, no: None.

**City Attorney Kathleen Fogo:** had no report.

**City Manager:** Ken Coleman was absent.

**Acting City Manager: Wendy Collins – Departmental Report.** Director Collins reported on the following: the field portion of the audit is complete; the Finance staff did a good job preparing for the audit and everything went well; an audit of the personnel files documentation will take place; she is working on revamping the City financial statements and these will be presented to Council for quarterly review; the City was notified today by Pinnocal Insurance, our worker's compensation carrier, that we have been accepted to participate in a voluntary wellness program; the on-line credit card payments process is in the works; Utility Billing Clerk Shannon Singer is working with the Electric crew on implementing the new remote-read electric and water meters; and data from the new meters can be accessed in real-time. Director Collins asked for questions. Mayor Drexel asked if the credit card fees will be paid by the customer. Director Collins reported that credit card transactions fees were offset by the reduction in the number of delinquent accounts. A portion of the delinquent accounts are written off to bad debt. With the requests for on-line credit card payment and the subsequent implementation of the new SIPA on-line payment system, the customer will pay the transaction fee. That fee will be less than 3% of the payment. Most customers have stated they will pay the fee for the convenience of paying on-line. Customers can also pay by e-check. The automatic withdrawal payment from a checking account will still be available and of course the customer can still pay in cash or by check. The new on-line payment features will expand the ways a customer can pay their utility bill and should assist with reducing the number of payment delinquencies.

In other news, Director Collins reminded Council the groundbreaking for the new GOCO-funded school playground project will take place this Friday at 10:00am at the south end of the school building. Parks & Recreation Director Ampietro continues to work with the IOOF group on the acquisition of the IOOF Park. The IOOF attorneys have sent a draft contract purchase agreement and City Attorney Fogo is reviewing that document. It contains some requested provisions that may need to be changed.

**Community Development Director Westbay:** reported the Gunnison Growler bike races took place last weekend and there were approximately 350 riders each day. It was a great event. He has also received work that the Colorado Water Conservation Board will be grant funding the river restoration project in the amount of \$450,000. Council congratulated Director Westbay and thanked him for his work on that grant application.

**City Clerk:** Gail Davidson informed Council the semi-annual City bike auction will take place this Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup> at noon at the City Shops. There are many bicycles and surplus office furniture/supplies available by silent auction bid. City Clerk Davidson then informed Council the advertisements and notices for the two vacancies on the Board of Zoning Adjustment and Appeals and the vacancy on the Planning & Zoning Commission are still in process and the three individuals whose terms are expiring have sent letters of interest to reapply for the vacancies. No other letters have been received at this time. City Clerk Davidson asked Council if no other letters of interest are received, do they want the existing term holders to come in for interviews? A short discussion ensued and consensus was no, to not have them appear at Council.

**WSCU Liaison:** this position is vacant until late August.

**Non-Scheduled Citizens:** None.

**City Council Discussion, Meeting Reports, Items for Work Session:**

**Councilor Hagan:** reported he attended the CML District Outreach meeting in Delta last week. It was an interesting meeting with the representatives of the other cities. There are a lot of talented people out there. He also attended his father's memorial service in Loveland last Saturday.

**Councilor Riggs:** reported she has been speaking with Glen Michel, who also serves on the Community Builders Task Force, about hosting a "State of the County" meeting for all of the

elected officials in the Valley. Councilor Riggs stated there are some other Town Council members that she does not know. The group could talk about common issues and what is happening in the Valley. Brian Wickenhauser has offered the I-Bar Ranch for a location. The RTA may sponsor a bus to transport up-valley participants to the I-Bar. Prospective event dates were discussed. Monday, June 16<sup>th</sup> or 23<sup>rd</sup> were preferred dates. Councilor Riggs will get back to everyone once a date is finalized. Mayor Pro Tem Ferguson stated he would be gone the week of June 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Mayor Pro Tem Ferguson:** reported he attended the Chamber Board meeting this morning. The Board of County Commissioners is addressing the fragmentation between the Tourism Association and the local Chambers of Commerce. The Commissioners are sponsoring a facilitator for discussions and each entity is being asked to prepare a list of priorities in accomplishing their missions.

**Councilor Steinbeck:** reported she attended the CML meeting in Delta. She is impressed by the difference in each town and was impressed by the Town Manager from Ridgeway. She will be serving on the scholarship committee for the Non-Traditional students at Western State. Lastly, low-income tax credits were awarded from the Colorado Housing & Finance Authority for the Caddis Flats workforce housing rental complex. This is great news and will help make the project a reality.

**Mayor Drexel:** reported he too attended the CML Meeting in Delta. The legislative report was good. There will be historic preservation tax credits, funding was authorized for rural fire departments training, water and wastewater grants are available and the largest number of potential ballot questions has been filed for the November election. Many of the questions deal with fracking. There may also be a ballot question on making it harder to change the State Constitution. The state-wide water plan is at the legislative forefront and there is grant money available for local library projects that are "shovel ready". Mayor Drexel informed Council he also attended the Region 10 meeting on Thursday. The Broadband Committee has been spotlighted in a state newsletter. There have been rock falls on US Highway 550 that has impacted the economy of several counties due to the highway closures. A program to deal with this type of impact is being assessed and Gunnison was named as one of the impacted Counties. The Region 10 Business Loan Fund has funds available if a business can't get a conventional bank loan of some reason. There is a lot going on in the Region.

Councilor Riggs asked for a report in the next few weeks on the wildfire situation for our area. Director Westbay stated he would ask Fire Marshal Spritzer to come give an update.

Mayor Pro Tem Ferguson stated we are so fortunate here in Gunnison. There are scandals with the Sheriff in Colorado Springs and the Mayor in Woodland Park and we don't have that kind of thing here in Gunnison.

**Adjournment:** Mayor Drexel called for any further discussion, and hearing none, adjourned the meeting at 7:56 P.M.

  
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City Clerk